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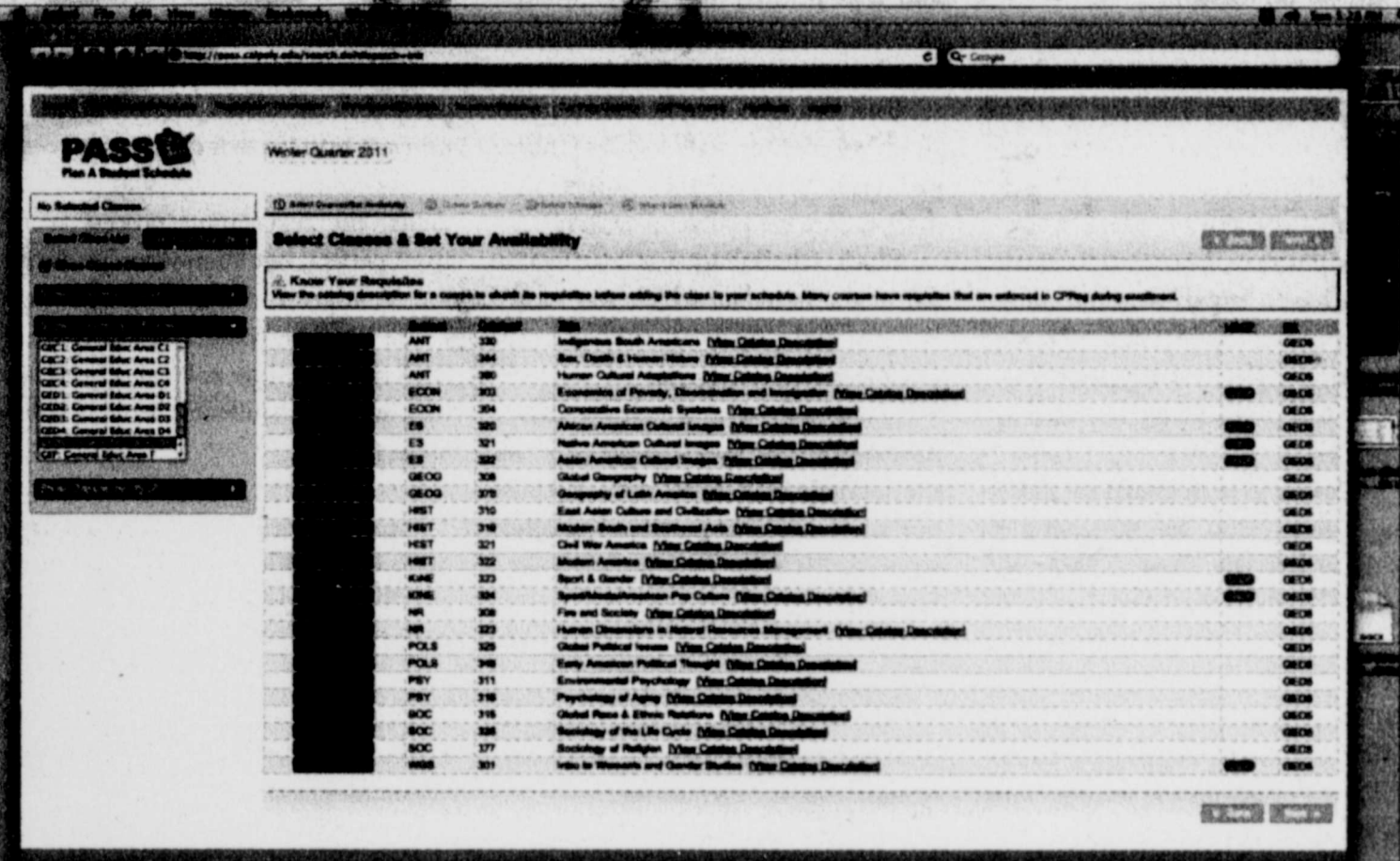
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Registration: the most stressful minutes of your life

As registration for the winter quarter comes to a close, so are the classes you want.



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Students may continue to use PASS to plan their schedules until the late registration period ends on January 12. However, updated registration policies disallow students with 16 units to waitlist classes until open registration.

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Many students express frustration with the registration process at Cal Poly, but few know the method and structure behind it. Students become concerned with graduating on time due to availability of classes — especially general education (GE) classes — and how priorities are being used as well as pressure from the University mandate passed last year regarding students graduating in four years.

In addition to these topics students are also concerned with the possibility of certain classes not being offered, but administration tells why.

Problems with registration from a student's point of view:

"The GE's are (the most) difficult to get into because they are more impacted, which makes filling out schedules difficult," English senior Alyssa Beltran said. "Registration for (my) core English classes are really easy because they close it off to only English majors."

at desirable times, but most do not know why. Aerospace engineering senior Charles Williams said he feels the reason registration is so difficult is due to class accommodations.

"We don't have enough classrooms or teachers that the school needs with a student body of this size," Williams said.

There is a mixture of opinions on campus about major courses and whether or not they are easy to get into, but many students agree that GE's and electives seem to pose problems across the board.

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— Brad Fely
Office of the Registrar administration analyst

Other students said it is nearly impossible to enroll in classes they want of the Registrar administration ana-

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Cal Poly presidential search begins ... again

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The Cal Poly presidential search continues with three new presidential candidates who will visit campus Nov. 30 through Dec. 2.

The names of the candidates will not be released until today because of a request by the Chancellor's Office.

Phil Bailey, the dean of the College of Science and Math-

ematics and the administrative representative on the Presidential Search Advisory Committee, said absolutely no information about the candidates can be released until the announcement at 10 a.m.

"I can't tell ... anything about the candidates, even how many candidates there are, how many we interviewed in Los Angeles or how many are coming to campus," Bailey said.

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“The Chancellor has asked the whole search committee to maintain strict confidentiality”

—Rachel Fernflores
Faculty representative on the Presidential Search Advisory Committee

Cal Poly RPTA department generates national 'buzz'

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The recreation, parks and tourism administration (RPTA) department was recently recognized for three major accomplishments — a graduate student receiving a "future scholars award," a group of RPTA students winning a quiz bowl and a group comprised of faculty, staff and students creating a handbook.

"The achievements are very prestigious for the department," graduate RPTA student Katherine Soule said. "We are constantly being compared to other colleges, so these accomplishments definitely look good."

Soule, winner of the future scholars award, said she was the only person nominated from Cal Poly.

"I think I won the award due to all the assistance from my advisers and all of my previous publications," she said.

She said she is lucky to have a department which places so much confidence in its students.

RPTA department head Bill Hendricks said Soule was very deserving of the award and she was nominated due to her outstanding writing skills and all of the work she completed as a research assistant for the department. "There were 20 nominations, and only two students selected in all of North America," Hendricks said. "One student was selected in Canada and then Katherine."

Soule is not the only RPTA affiliate who recently made an achievement for the department. Last month

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lyst Brad Fely said.

The registration process:

Many students complain about registration, but they do not know the logistics to how registration works and why it is the way it is.

Students tend to place a lot of the blame on the registration office, but it turns out, they may not be the ones to blame.

"We are the means for getting the information to students but the decisions about what classes, professors and times are going to be offered, are decided by individual departments," Fely said.

Food science and nutrition department head Louise Berner said her department uses historic demand to decide which classes are offered.

"We take into account number of majors needing major courses, resources and instructors available to teach,"

course based on their experience and specialty areas. However, this can pose a problem with students obtaining courses since there is limited space and time for classes. If a professor is unavailable to teach a class, it may no longer be offered.

The times classes are scheduled is an ongoing problem among faculty and students.

"We try to take into account preferences, but there are only so many hours in a day and so many rooms available," Berner said. They do what they can, but professors usually end up instructing at less than preferred times, she said.

Even after all of this planning and scheduling, Berner said faculty still tries to do all they can for students.

"We add labs or larger sections when necessary; we send out regular e-mails regarding advising or course changes; we give students priority in major courses and we alert students of any scheduling conflicts they may have," Berner said.

Although the nutrition department attempts to accommodate students,

the registration office did not come up with this process, Fely said.

"The college of science and mathematics created this rotation system back in the 90s," he said. "This is the rotation format that they felt would work best for this university."

Fely said the registration departments do their best to make predictions about what classes students will need in the future.

"We are constantly looking forward, but we need to look in the rear-view mirror a little bit too," Fely said. "We hope in the future to not have to rely on the past."

The Process:

Students not only have issues when they register during their normal rotation schedule, but some students said they encountered problems even when using a priority. Each student is given three priorities (times that allow registration before normal rotations start) to use during their college career.

Biological sciences senior Misty Moyle said she unintentionally used a priority for no reason.

"Last quarter I used a priority to get a specific physics professor, and when I came to class on the first day, they had changed the professor without notification," Moyle said.

Priority registration seems to be a growing problem. Many students who feel they have a "good" rotation, end up not getting their desired classes because too many people are using priorities.

Fely said priorities are not used appropriately.

"Priorities were intended for graduating seniors who are struggling to get those last few classes," Fely said. "I think that many students are using their priorities a little too early."

He said he encounters students who use priorities too soon and come in their last quarter begging for admission into a class, but the records office never gives extra priorities.

Despite the difficulties students have with registration, the academic departments and registration offices are constantly trying to improve the process.

In an attempt to better registration for students, many freshmen have their classes picked for them by their departments in order to ensure they graduate on time — a process called "block scheduling."

Bioresource and agricultural engineering freshman Gian Ghiglieri said he hasn't registered for himself yet.

"My major gave me my schedule

for the first quarter," Ghiglieri said. "I had a mixture of GE's and major classes, and I had nice breaks throughout my day too."

Forestry and natural resources freshman Preston Way said his schedule was

"I did notice this quarter that it appears they are not letting students waitlist in classes once they hit 16 units which is nice," she said. "It allows more opportunity for those who have later registration."

Students need to make sure they aren't being picky about times of classes. If there is a class available, take it.

— Wendy Spradlin
College of Liberal Arts academic adviser

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Berner said.

As far as deciding which professors teach which classes, Berner said the department works together.

"Faculty prioritizes course interests and we get together and make compromises to decide who teaches what," she said.

Berner said sometimes it is obvious which professors teach each

they can't control the other courses students need outside of their majors, Berner said.

After each department finalizes its schedules, the registration and scheduling offices get a list from each academic department with this information and format them online. Even though it is in charge of posting the registration rotation schedule,

Even though some may not consider block scheduling an improvement, it is part of the new changes being made to the registration process.

Staff members are not the only people seeing the changes made to registration. Kinesiology junior Kelli DeAngelis said despite the common hassles of registration, it seems departments are doing their best to help students.

"One time I was 12th on the waitlist and they ended up opening up another section for that course," she said.

According to faculty, staff and students, the registration process is far from perfect, but administration is trying to improve the process. Although it will never be possible to satisfy every student, every time, some tips from faculty, staff and students for registration are as follows:

* "Students need to make sure they aren't being picky about times of classes," Spradlin said. "If there is a class available, take it."

* "Make sure you aren't using your priorities too early" Fely said. "They are meant for graduating seniors, who need those last few courses."

* "Don't use a priority to get a specific professor, because you never know if they might have to change the professor last minute," Moyle said.

* "Don't be afraid to waitlist classes, because you never know if they will open up another class," DeAngelis said.

* "Make sure you create several schedule options on PASS before you register, so that if certain classes are full, you have more choices," graphic communications senior Stephanie Coffaney said.

President

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Though the candidates were confidential at press time, the students, faculty and community will be able to address the candidates in open forums throughout the week. From 10 to 10:40 a.m., the candidates will be available to the students in the University Union, room 220. The faculty and staff forum will be from 2:10 to 2:50 p.m. in Alex G.

Spanos Theatre. The forum for the university and community's forum will be held from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Advanced Technology Laboratories, followed by a reception in the Advanced Technology Lobby from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

A more detailed schedule will be released today along with the names of the candidates.

Sarah Storelli, Associated Students Inc. president and student representative on the Presidential

Search Advisory Committee, said she is excited for the president candidates' visit.

"I am excited to announce that there are three qualified and stellar individuals who will be coming to campus this week," Storelli said. "I am excited for each of them to interact with the campus on various levels and specifically, for the presidential candidate student forums."



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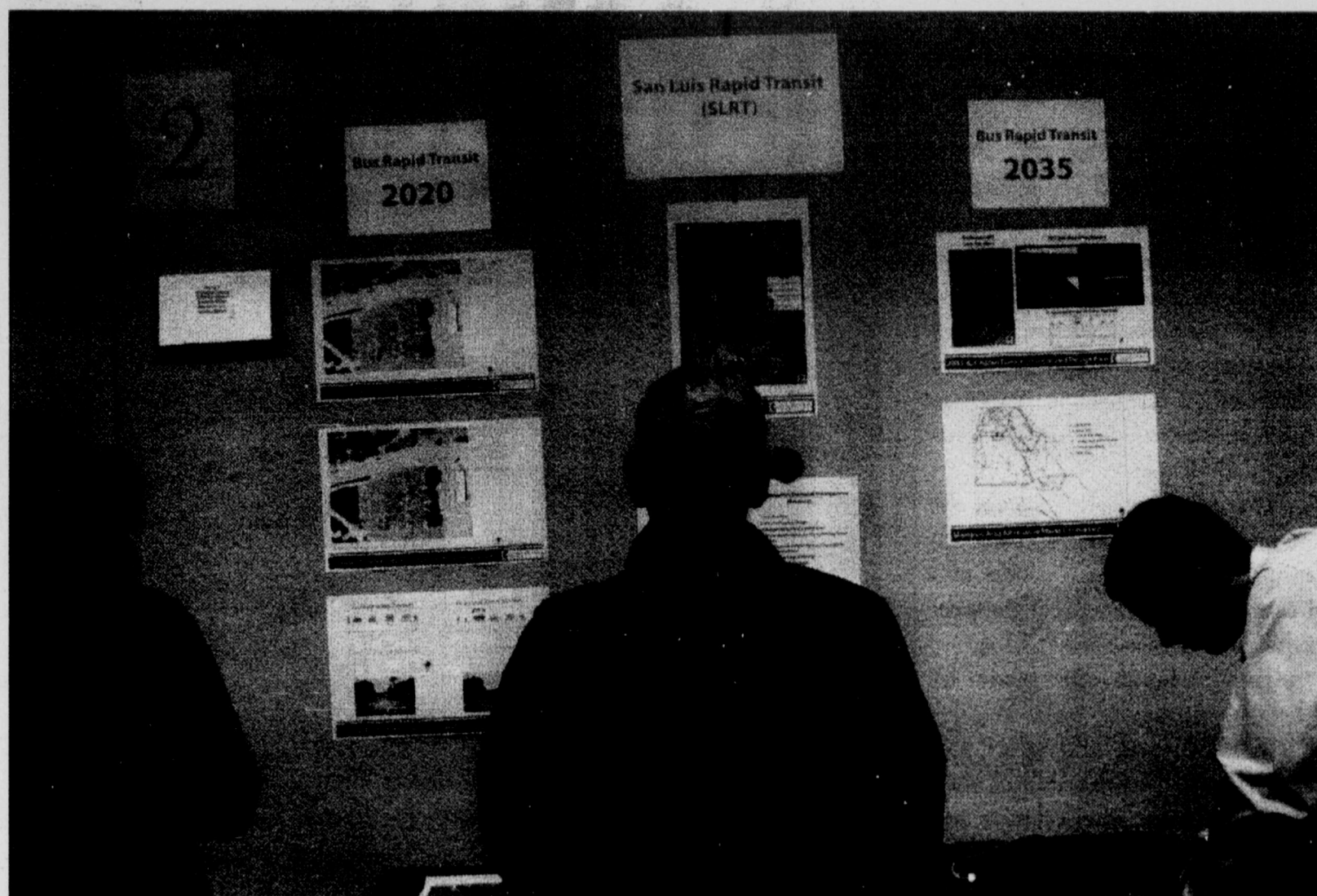
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Engineering class proposes new bus route



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Students proposed two alternate bus routes from Cal Poly to the San Luis Obispo Regional Airport, one that could be completed by 2020, and another that would be finished in 2035 when the economy is believed to have improved.

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A Cal Poly civil engineering class presented its ideas to an audience at the San Luis Obispo County Library on Nov. 18 about building a new bus route from Cal Poly to the San Luis Obispo Regional Airport.

Students from civil and environmental engineering professor Eugene Jud's Public Transportation class worked in five groups and each came up with two plans for building a new bus rapid transit (BRT) route. BRT is a method of bus transit which is faster and more efficient than regular bus travel.

It would run from Cal Poly through downtown San Luis Obispo and the Marigold area to the airport.

The first proposal was a detailed but cost-effective plan which could be achieved by 2020. The second was a more expensive plan which could be completed by 2035, when the national economy is expected to have improved, Jud said.

"I didn't see the final projects until the presentation, and I was astonished by the richness of some of their ideas," he said. "This project is more focused on the city than others, but there were some very creative details."

Jud said this project helped his students learn about how BRT works and gave them a chance to come up with ideas about how to reduce the high level of car traffic around San Luis Obispo.

To prepare for the project, Jud brought guest speakers from the civil engineering and public transportation industries around San Luis Obispo to talk to the class. The class also went on a field trip to Santa Barbara to

observe how the city's public transit worked.

Richard Howell, the general manager of the San Luis Obispo County Regional Airport, said a bus route to the airport would not take long to implement and would reduce the need to add more parking at the airport. He said the number of passengers who use the San Luis Obispo County Regional Airport went up 20 percent last month, and the airport experiences a large number of Cal Poly students around Thanksgiving and spring break.

"I love good ideas, and if we have the facilities, why not?" Howell said. "I think the class did a lot of work and came up with some ideas that I'd be interested in looking into."

The main goals of each group's bus route proposal included reducing the number of vehicle miles of transit through effective land use as well as encouraging public transportation and other alternative transportation like bicycling.

Though each group was required to come up with their own plan, the results also had some common features, like signal preemption at intersections (which would automatically turn traffic signals green for the buses), giving the BRT buses their own lanes on the street — called queue jumps — and providing designated resources for bicyclists.

Another guest speaker invited to speak to the class was Ed King, the executive director of the San Luis Obispo Regional Transit Authority. King said he thought most of the proposals were very well thought out.

"This is a great corridor to envision a project like this," King said. "If you look at the travel patterns at the

airport, it's just logical to have that type of service; I think it could be accomplished at a reasonable price."

The plans all had their respective unique characteristics. One group suggested using curb cuts, which would make street corners less sharp and easier for buses to turn. Another suggested asking companies in San Luis Obispo to provide alternative work schedules for their employees so they could have time to catch the bus to and from work.

Civil engineering senior Cameron Beck said he was impressed with the ideas proposed by his classmates.

"Seeing how the other groups showed their ideas helped me show mine better," Beck said.

Although Beck said a BRT route like this would be beneficial to San Luis Obispo, he said he can't see it happening.

Each student group made a seven-minute presentation to the audience about their proposal, and afterward the audience was given a chance to examine each plan. The guests were given a grading sheet on which they rated each group based on how they presented their designs, their general concept, their goals and the quality of their Powerpoint presentation. The students graded each other as well. All opinions will be considered when Jud determines the final grades.

"I hope some parts of these plans can be implemented quickly," Jud said. "You cannot predict the political will. I think these ideas would pay back within five to seven years."

Jud said the Public Transportation class' BRT project proposals will go on display after Dec. 15 in the southern Research Development Building corridor.

RPTA

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RPTA Quiz Bowl team consisting of Amber Black, Amy Lepp, Kristen McClay and Kelsey Paveo won the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Academic Quiz Bowl national championship.

Hendricks said this was Cal Poly's first quiz bowl. "There were four teams all together that participated in this inaugural quiz bowl," he said.

Hendricks said the quiz bowl team was chosen by faculty based on their academic performance, and the final team was chosen by the quiz bowl coach, Brian Greenwood.

"For winning the quiz bowl, we received a trophy to display in the department office, a perpetual plaque and full conference registration for each student to the 2011 NRPA conference in At-

lanta," Hendricks said.

The final achievement took several months to complete. It was the "Sustainable Tourism Marketing Handbook" created by faculty, staff and students in the RPTA department along with the California Travel & Tourism Commission, according to a press release.

Hendricks said the students chosen to work on this handbook (one of which was an undergraduate and the other a graduate) were interested in this topic. "This was the first handbook we have ever created, but I think it was a success," Hendricks said.

Hendricks said all of these achievements bring a lot of attention to the department, and based on what they are doing now, the possibilities are endless.

"These accomplishments add incredible visibility and stature (to the department) on a national scale," he said. "Cal Poly is generating a significant amount of recognition and 'buzz' of our outstanding students and faculty."

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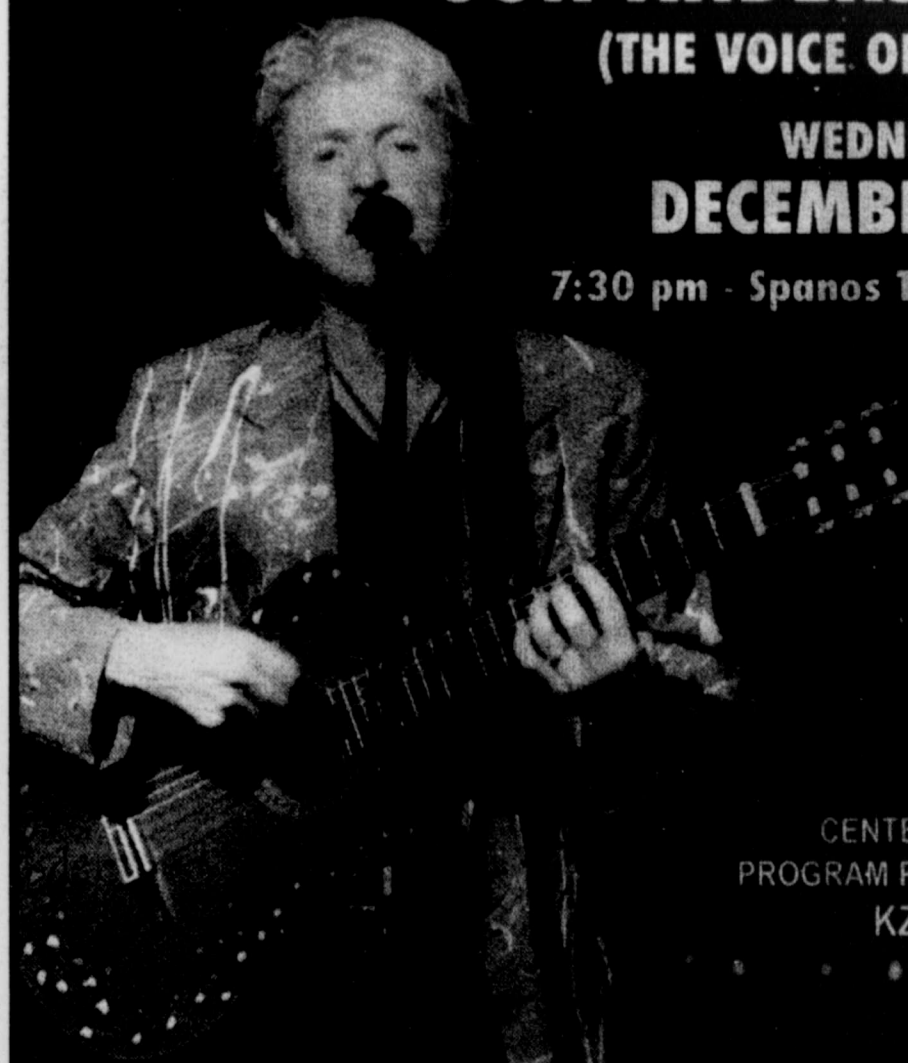
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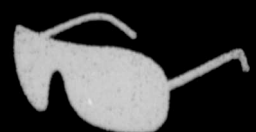


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Briefs

State

SAN DIEGO (MCT) —

A 24-year-old San Diego woman allegedly sent \$800 to a terrorist group in Somalia and tried to recruit at least one "fighter" for the organization, according to recently unsealed federal court records.

According to the documents, authorities secretly recorded phone conversations between Nima Ali Yusuf and suspected terrorists in Somalia. During those conversations, Yusuf allegedly agreed to send money to two fighters who are members of Al Shabab, which is listed by the State Department as a terrorist group.

In one conversation, Yusuf described her attempt to recruit a San Diego man to join Al Shabab. Authorities suspect that she had previously tried to recruit another man for the organization.

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SAN LUIS OBISPO (MCT) —

Underpayments to the state and overpayments to local public assistance recipients over the past decade will cost taxpayers nearly \$2 million, county officials revealed last week.

In a quarterly report, the county administration revealed that between 2001 and 2009 the county short-changed the state by \$1,667,690 in payments of fines, penalties and other fees to the county courts and Probation Department.

In addition, the Department of Social Services overpaid recipients of its services by \$237,066 between January 2003 and September 2010.

National

FLORIDA (MCT) —

When the 2010 hurricane season ends Tuesday, it will be remembered as one of the busiest and most merciful on record.

Almost from the start, it busied with activity, producing 19 named storms and setting records, including the fastest formation of four Category 4 hurricanes. In total, 12 hurricanes emerged, yet not one struck the U.S. shoreline, marking the first time that the nation escaped unscathed when that many hurricanes arose.

Only one anemic system, Tropical Storm Bonnie, stumbled ashore in July.

Thanks largely to an expansive dome of high pressure settling over the eastern Atlantic, numerous storms were guided north into the Atlantic before they reached the East Coast.

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WASHINGTON D.C. (MCT) —

Presidential politics can be rough-and-tumble, but a friendly basketball game on Friday gave President Obama a cut on his upper lip requiring 12 stitches.

Playing in a post-Thanksgiving holiday game with family members and administration aides, Obama was on defense when a player turned to shoot and elbowed him in the mouth, according to a White House account.

The player was Reynaldo Decerega, director of programs for the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute, the White House said.

Elbow and lip collided in the last of five short games played at Fort McNair, about a 10 minute drive from the White House.

International

SWITZERLAND (MCT) —

A majority of Swiss voters supported expelling foreigners convicted of serious crimes, the results of a referendum showed Sunday.

The proposed law on foreign criminals, which would be one of the harshest in Europe, attracted 52.9 percent of the vote, according to Swiss television.

The majority of votes in the majority of cantons — Swiss administrative regions — were also in favor, a requirement if the proposal is to become law.

The proposal was made by the anti-immigrant Swiss People's Party (SVP) and will affect foreigners who commit crimes such as murder, rape, drug offenses and welfare fraud.

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SOUTH KOREA (MCT) —

Emotions remained raw throughout the Korean peninsula on Sunday as a U.S. aircraft carrier group arrived for joint American-South Korean naval exercises, prompting North Korea to ready surface-to-surface missiles on launch pads along the Yellow Sea.

The maneuvers followed a North Korean artillery attack last week that killed four and injured 20 on South Korean-controlled Yeonpyeong Island.

Bitter enemies, South Korea and North Korea blame the other for the attack, which South Korea called the first northern strike against southern territory in more than half a century. North Korea says the South fired first in provocation and then used civilians as "human shields."

Word on the Street

What is your finals schedule like this quarter?



"My finals are all together mid-week."

— Connor Deck, agricultural business freshman



"My finals schedule goes Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday — I'm pretty happy."

— Michelle Kepling, environmental management junior



"I only have two finals this quarter, but I have one at the beginning and one at the end of the week."

— Taryn Yee, food science sophomore



"My finals are spread apart on Monday and Friday."

— Jonathan Lehmer, architectural engineering senior



"I'm pretty sure they're all at the beginning of the week."

— Kenneth Zelaya, agricultural business sophomore

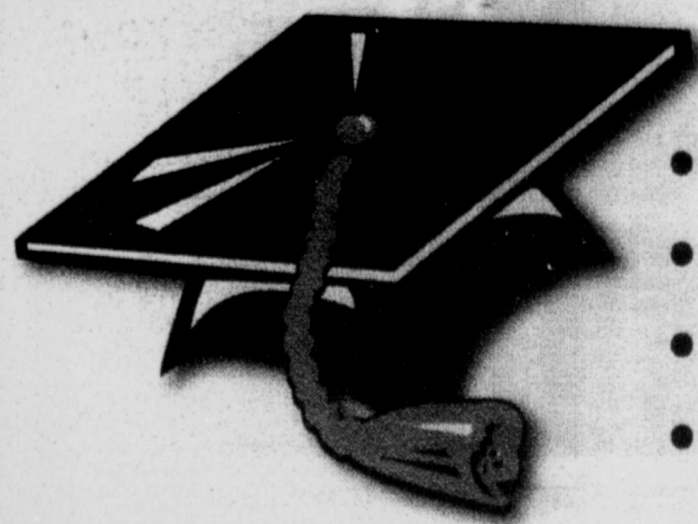


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— Jessica Grant, English sophomore

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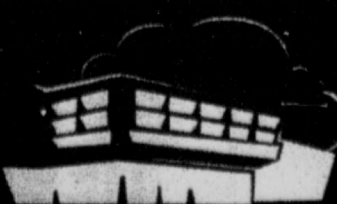


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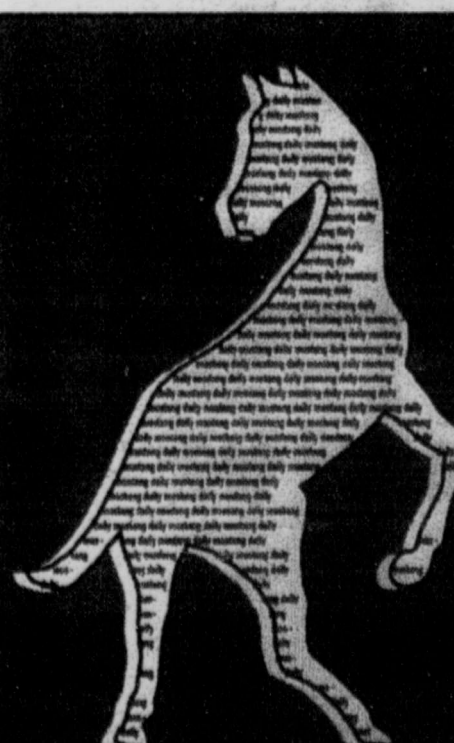
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San Jose cop receives little reaction to announcement that he's gay

Sean Webby

SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS

When San Jose Police Sgt. Jim Unland came out of the closet last month, he became the only openly gay male cop in the city's 1,200-officer department.

While some are questioning whether others are afraid to come out, the announcement has caused little controversy and no backlash against Unland, according to officers interviewed by the San Jose Mercury News.

"I thought there would be a big storm, but there was just a ripple," said Sgt. Rebecca Marquez, one of a number of openly gay women on the force.

Earlier this month, Unland was re-elected vice president of the officers union. He insists the department where he has worked for more than two decades is not homophobic.

"It goes to the culture of San Jose," said Unland, who said he received countless messages of support after his announcement. "It's not just the department. It is an accepting city, but not an 'in your face' city."

However, Unland's announcement — made in an opinion piece published in the Mercury News — has sparked discussion and debate within the department and the wider community. It's no secret that there are other gay male officers on the force.

So, some ask, why is Unland the only one who is out? Some

gay cops in other departments and LaDoris Cordell, San Jose's independent police auditor who is a lesbian, say the fact more haven't come out of the closet is a concern and could indicate a culture of homophobia.

"I am shocked that you have one openly gay man, that's absurd," said Lt. Lea Militello, a lesbian who's president of the San Francisco Police Department's Pride Alliance for LGBT officers. "You have an issue."

Greg Miraglia, a dean at Napa Valley College and the author of "Coming Out From Behind the Badge" — a collection of inspirational writings by gay police officers — said he is aware of a small group of officers who are scared to come out in San Jose.

The former police officer, who is gay, said the San Jose Police Department may be suffering from a culture that bought into false stereotypes that gay women were all "physical, strong and trustworthy" and that all gay men "were effeminate and physically weak."

"Law enforcement is very much still a straight, white male-dominated profession," Miraglia said. "There is a stereotypical machismo culture."

But San Jose police officials say they've worked hard to make the department diverse and open.

Rob Davis, who recently retired as police chief, said he actively reached out to gay male officers in his department when he took over in 2004 and even encouraged some

of them to come out. But he said they declined.

Their rejections, Davis said, were not based on fear. They were based on highly personal, religious or family issues and Davis said he respected them.

"I don't think you will find a more collegial police department in terms of diversity issues," Davis said.

the issue is privacy, not hostility.

"Police officers are often reluctant to give up much about their private lives," said Officer Laura Peck, a Sacramento department spokeswoman.

"They don't want the criminal they just arrested to know about their life or their kids or whatever." But other agencies have struggled with accusations of homophobic environments.

Roseville and Huntington Beach are two recent examples of departments that have faced lawsuits alleging that they discriminated or tolerated discrimination against gay male officers.

Adam Bereki, who accused fellow Huntington Beach

officers of harassing him for being gay, won more than \$2 million in a settlement.

"Law enforcement has always been a boys club, and homosexuality will always be a huge freaky button there," Bereki said.

Adonna Amorosa came out as a lesbian San Jose command officer in the early 1990s during a diversity training exercise.

When the instructor asked those

who were gay and ready to come out to step across an imaginary line in front of the group, Amorosa stepped forward.

"If they did that exercise now there would be a lot more who would be stepping over that line," said Amorosa, who became the department's first woman deputy chief in 1999. "And some of them would be men." She said that Unland's coming out was a clear sign that the department is not homophobic.

"The fact that Jim felt comfortable about coming out in the paper, I think that's a major thing," said Amorosa, who retired from the department six years ago.

"It makes me proud of the department. He felt OK to do that, it was safe." Unland said he does not see himself as a ground breaker.

He wrote in an e-mail to fellow officers: "Outing myself in the Mercury News is not some kind of 'life journey' for me. The rumors of me being gay have been around for a while here at the PD. I'm 45 and haven't been seen in the company of a woman in 20 years. Even our most inept investigator would be able to put two and two together. I am neither proud nor un-proud of my sexuality. It is just a part of who I am. I wanted, and still do, to be judged by what kind of cop I am, what kind of sergeant I am."

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— Sgt. Rebecca Marquez
San Jose Police Department

Many large police departments — including in San Francisco, Los Angeles and New York — have thriving gay officer organizations. Others, like 700-officer Sacramento, have a situation similar to San Jose's.

Sacramento has an officer liaison to the gay community, but she is heterosexual. Officers there could not think of any openly gay cops on their force, but they say

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Thousands of classified State Department documents are leaked to the general public

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U.S. diplomats and officials said they're bracing for at least three newspapers and WikiLeaks to publish hundreds of thousands of classified State Department cables Sunday that could drastically alter U.S. relations with top allies and reveal embarrassing secrets about U.S. foreign policy.

U.S. diplomats frantically have been reaching out to their counterparts around the world as intelligence officials pleaded with WikiLeaks and the newspapers, including The New York Times, the Guardian in London and Der Spiegel, a German newsweekly, to not publish information that could endanger lives and U.S. policy.

Some of the documents are expected to reveal details about how some U.S. diplomats feel about top foreign leaders.

While this is the third time this year WikiLeaks has released a batch of documents related to U.S. foreign policy, officials told McClatchy that Sunday's expected release will be far more damaging than the first two combined.

The first batch dealt with Afghanistan and the second with Iraq. Both earlier releases largely gave details about what many thought the U.S. military was doing in those wars.

This batch, however, is expected to include never-released private cables between diplomats.

Publicly, State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley warned that releasing the documents could

put "lives and interests at risk."

But privately, administration officials are far more concerned about what they contain and implications of releasing them.

NBC News reported Friday that some of the documents would reveal damaging details about U.S. efforts to renegotiate the START nuclear arms treaty with Russia and U.S. anti-terrorism efforts in Yemen.

Speculation is rampant in Washington about what's in the documents.

Germany's Der Spiegel briefly published a story on its website Saturday saying that the documents include 251,287 cables and 8,000 diplomatic directives, most of which date after 2004.

About 9,000 documents are from the first two months of this year, the newspaper said.

About 6 percent of the documents were classified as secret, the newspaper said before taking down its story. The majority was unclassified, the newspaper said, but all were intended to remain confidential.

The newspaper said it would release all the documents at 4:30 p.m. EST Sunday. WikiLeaks and the newspapers are expected to release the documents and their findings at the same time.

However, the release time has changed several times over the past few days.

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton reached out Friday to leaders in Germany, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Britain, France and Afghanistan, Crowley

said via Twitter.

Diplomats throughout the State Department have spent days reaching out and warning allies of what's coming.

Newspapers in Canada, the United Kingdom, Italy, India, Pakistan, Israel and Belgium, among others, said they expect the leaked documents to include details about U.S. relations with their countries.

Adm. Mike Mullen, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, made a statement to CNN in an interview to be broadcast Sunday.

"I would hope that those who are responsible for this would, at some point in time, think about the responsibility that they have for lives that they're exposing."

Although WikiLeaks hasn't said how it obtained the documents, U.S. officials think that Army Pfc. Bradley Manning, while a 22-year-old intelligence officer stationed in Iraq, downloaded thousands of documents, at times pretending he was listening to music by Lady Gaga.

Manning and other soldiers had access to the documents as part of an effort by the military to communicate as much information as possible to soldiers on the battlefield about their communities so that they had the best intelligence possible.

Manning has been charged with illegally downloading thousands of classified documents and is being held in a military jail.

Thanksgiving night flight brings cholera to Miami

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American Airlines officials on Friday confirmed that a passenger arriving at Miami International Airport on Thanksgiving night appeared to be suffering from cholera.

The man, whose name was not released, was a passenger on American Airlines Flight 778 from Santo Domingo to Miami, not directly from neighboring Haiti, where an outbreak of cholera in recent weeks has killed hundreds of people.

The Boeing 767-300 arrived at about 6 p.m. EST on Thursday.

"Before landing, the crew radioed down and advised they had a passenger onboard who had symptoms that appeared to be cholera and he would need immediate medical attention the minute they landed," said Tim Smith, spokesman for American Airlines in Fort Worth, Texas. Emergency workers at MIA were waiting for the flight. The man was rushed to Jackson Memorial Hospital.

Fermin Leguen, chief physician at the Miami-Dade County Health Department, said the man was in stable condition Friday. A diagnosis of cholera has not yet been confirmed.

The man's symptoms are "highly suggestive of cholera," Leguen said.

Although the flight originated in the Dominican Republic, the man was, in fact, returning from travel to Haiti, Leguen said.

If cholera is confirmed as the diagnosis, the chances of a local outbreak

are "extremely low," Leguen said.

"It's mostly transmitted through contaminated feces, so you need to have problems with your water system or your sewage," Leguen said, adding that no such problems exist locally. American Airlines immediately notified the U.S. Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, and other passengers on the flight should not be affected, the company spokesman said.

In some situations cholera is contagious — in rare instances it has been transmitted through the carrier's contaminated hands and vomit. Untreated cases can be fatal.

The disease is caused by a bacterial infection of the intestine that causes severe dehydration.

Smith said the plane involved was taken out of circulation immediately and "thoroughly cleaned." The plane returned to service Friday morning.

Passengers from Haiti and the Dominican Republic are being scrutinized due to the spreading disease. Smith said if the passenger had appeared ill at boarding, he would not have been allowed on the flight, which takes about two hours.

"He became ill in some fashion during the flight," Smith said.

A doctor aboard the flight assisted the sick man, Smith said. He could not confirm whether the passenger affected was also a medical professional who had been working in Haiti.

Kristen Nordlund, a CDC spokeswoman in Atlanta, said the CDC was aware of the case but could not confirm whether it was cholera.

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Supreme Court will hear case on overcrowded California prisons

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The suicide rate in California's overcrowded prisons is nearly twice the national average, and one inmate dies every eight days from inadequate medical care.

These are just two indicators cited in the 15-year legal battle over whether the state's prisons are failing to provide humane medical care for 165,000 inmates.

On Tuesday the problems of California's prisons will move to a national stage, when the Supreme Court hears the state's challenge to an extraordinary court order that would require the prison population to be reduced by one-fourth in two years. That could mean releasing or transferring more than 40,000 inmates, state lawyers said.

The case is not just of interest to California.

Lawyers for 18 other states, including Illinois, Pennsylvania and Virginia, joined in support of California's appeal, saying they feared a ruling upholding the prison-release order could trigger similar moves across the nation. "Real world experience" suggests that releasing a large number of inmates would "inevitably place innocent citizens at much greater risk," they said.

California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and other state of-

ficials call the order from a panel of three federal judges "the most sweeping intrusion into a state's management" of its prisons ever handed down by a court. They see an activist panel — composed of two federal district judges and a federal appeals judge — "using the guise of providing health care" to order a restructuring of the state's correctional system. They also argue that the forced release of prisoners would threaten the public safety.

Defenders of the judges' order cite Schwarzenegger's own words in 2006 declaring that California faced an overcrowding emergency in its prisons. They also say the state is exaggerating the impact of the order. California locks up many prisoners for repeat petty crimes or for technical parole violations, even though they are not considered dangerous or violent.

"California has people in prison who wouldn't be in prison in any other state," said former Bush administration Solicitor Gen. Paul D. Clement, who represents one group of state prisoners. His brief cites comments from a former Texas prison director who said he was surprised and disturbed by the overcrowding in California's prisons.

Supporters of the judges' order also emphasize that it does not require a wholesale release of

inmates. For example, the prisons could free up space by relocating some inmates to county jails, private prisons or out-of-state facilities. In addition, some nonviolent inmates could be released early.

"We're sending 80,000 people to prison each year for two to three months — parole violators who are going from their home communities to sit in reception centers where there is no rehabilitation, no health care, no drug programs," said Michael Bien, lead attorney in the case brought on behalf of prisoners deprived of mental health care.

"This is the kind of thing that everyone knows doesn't do anything for public safety," Bien added. "These men and women come back home after a couple of months having been exposed to much more dangerous people. If they weren't dangerous before, they are now."

The case began nearly 20 years ago with separate lawsuits contending inmates who were mentally ill or had chronic health problems were suffering behind bars. The Eighth Amendment forbids cruel and unusual punishment, and it has been read to mean prisoners cannot be denied needed medical care.

U.S. District Judges Lawrence Karlton in Sacramento, Calif., and Thelton Henderson in San Fran-

cisco separately ruled the prisoners were suffering from unconstitutional ill treatment, and they handed down at least 80 orders requiring the state prisons to make improvements. Despite promises from prison authorities, the state did not comply with most of these orders.

Frustrated, the judges called for convening a three-judge panel under the terms of a federal law that authorizes prison releases as a last resort. The chief judge of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals appointed Judge Stephen Reinhardt from that court to sit on the panel with Karlton and Henderson.

The panel then determined the overcrowding was the "primary cause" of the substandard medical care, and on Aug. 4, 2009, ordered the state to reduce the prison population to 137.5 percent of the original design capacity in its 33 prisons, or about 40,000 fewer inmates than they now hold.

In June the Supreme Court agreed to hear Schwarzenegger's appeal.

Most legal experts assume the conservative justices of the high court will cast a skeptical eye on the prison-release order, and especially so because all three judges from California have long liberal records. In a friend-of-the-court brief, Kent Scheidegger of the Criminal Justice Legal Founda-

tion, a law-and-order group in Sacramento, called the choice of Reinhardt "astonishing" and said it was reason enough for the high court to set aside the release order.

But Robert Weisberg, a professor of criminal justice at Stanford, said the court should focus on the long record in the case.

"I hope this will be looked at as a lawsuit on appeal and not a political Armageddon," he said.

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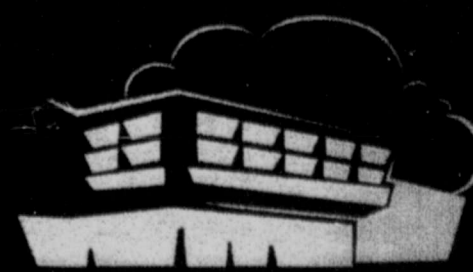
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Comedian Margaret Cho brings raunchy act to SLO

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Brace yourselves ladies and gentlemen: comedian Margaret Cho, best known for her controversial range of topics such as sexuality, race and body image, is coming to San Luis Obispo.

The actress-comedian-dancer will make a stop at the Alex Madonna Expo Center on Dec. 2 as part of her Cho Dependent Tour, which began in August and has taken her across the continent. The tour also coincides with the release of her "Cho Dependent" album, which features titles such as "Eat Shit and Die" and "Lice."

Cho said so far the tour has been non-stop, but nonetheless a great time.

"I've gone everywhere — all over New York, all over Canada, all over the south and it's been really busy," Cho said. "I'm having a great time doing it. It's what I do, so it's something that's enjoyable to me."

Cho also recently wrapped up her participation in the television show "Dancing with the Stars" and plans to continue her run on Lifetime's "Drop Dead Diva" in the spring. In the meantime, Cho is spreading her notoriously up-front views — comedically, of course — across the country.

A San Francisco native, Cho grew up near Haight Street and began performing stand-up at age 16. After moving to Los Angeles in the 1990s and gaining popularity across college campuses, Cho booked a

lead role in the show "All American Girl" in 1994. Soon after, she explored Broadway, headlined several solo and successful comedy tours, all while maintaining her voice regarding large social issues. Cho said her life and experiences contribute to the inspiration for her comedy.

"I'm inspired about my family, my relationships, you know everything that I do kind of goes into my work," Cho said. "And also my whole life — everything I do is an extension of my work. So there's a constant flow of things and ideas, whether it's comedy or music or dancing."

Also an activist in the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) community, Cho has teamed up with several artists to raise awareness about social issues and includes LGBT topics into her comedy.

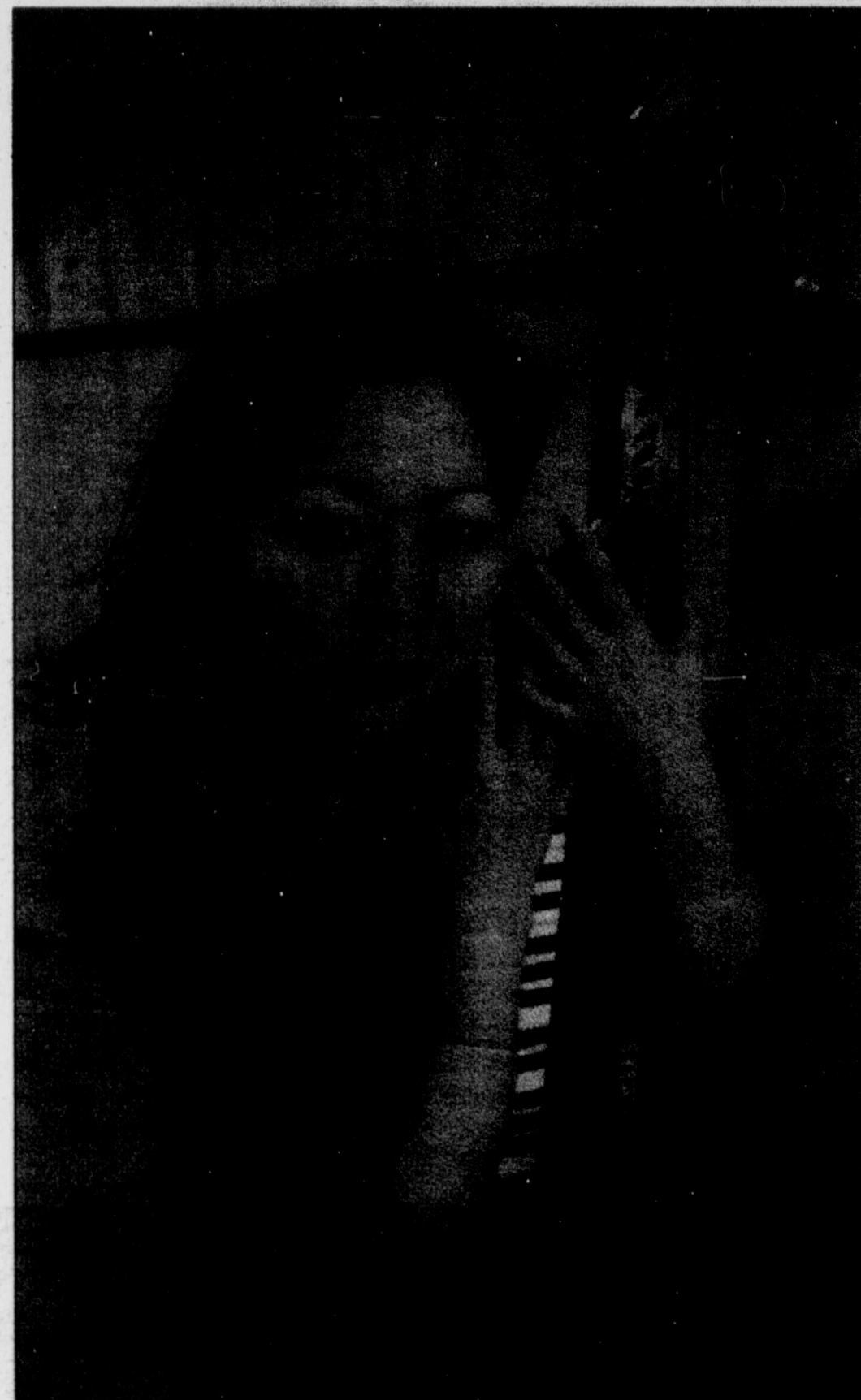
"It's important to give forth this message of fighting for our rights and having a sense of pride about who we are," Cho said. "So these are all things that I put forth in my comedy. To me it's a very political thing to do that and I'm very proud to do that."

Local fans within the LGBT community said Cho is not only hilarious but also constructs her gay-related jokes carefully. Liberal arts and engineering studies senior Tyler Whipple said Cho's comedy, compared to other gay comedians, doesn't focus on the stereotypes.

"Her comedy is biting, but it's not trashy," Whipple said. "She makes jokes tactfully instead of trashy with stereotypes."

Whipple compared Cho to gay comedian Ant, who he said plays up the "flaming queen" act.

Another portion of her performance will be dedicated to playing a few songs off her album. More than half the songs on "Cho Dependent" are collaborations with artists like Tegan and Sara and Ben Lee. Cho



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Comedian Margaret Cho, known for her controversial subject matter, will perform at the Madonna Expo Center as part of her Cho Dependent Tour this Thursday.

said she feels grateful to have worked with such successful artists.

"I love performing 'I'm Sorry,' which is a beautiful song I wrote with my friend Andrew Bird," Cho said. "I'm so lucky that I got to make

this record with so many amazing people."

As serious as she is about her work, Cho is best known for her raunchy style and saying whatever she wants. Journalism senior Erica Bashaw, a long-time fan of Cho, said she did a double-take when she first overheard Cho's outrageous lines.

"When you first start listening to her, like all great comedians, you probably should be shocked," Bashaw said. "That's probably what got me so into her — I turned on the television and was like, 'Wait she said what?'"

Bashaw said she's also impressed with Cho's ability to discuss pressing issues — such as substance abuse and weight loss — with an unapologetic finesse.

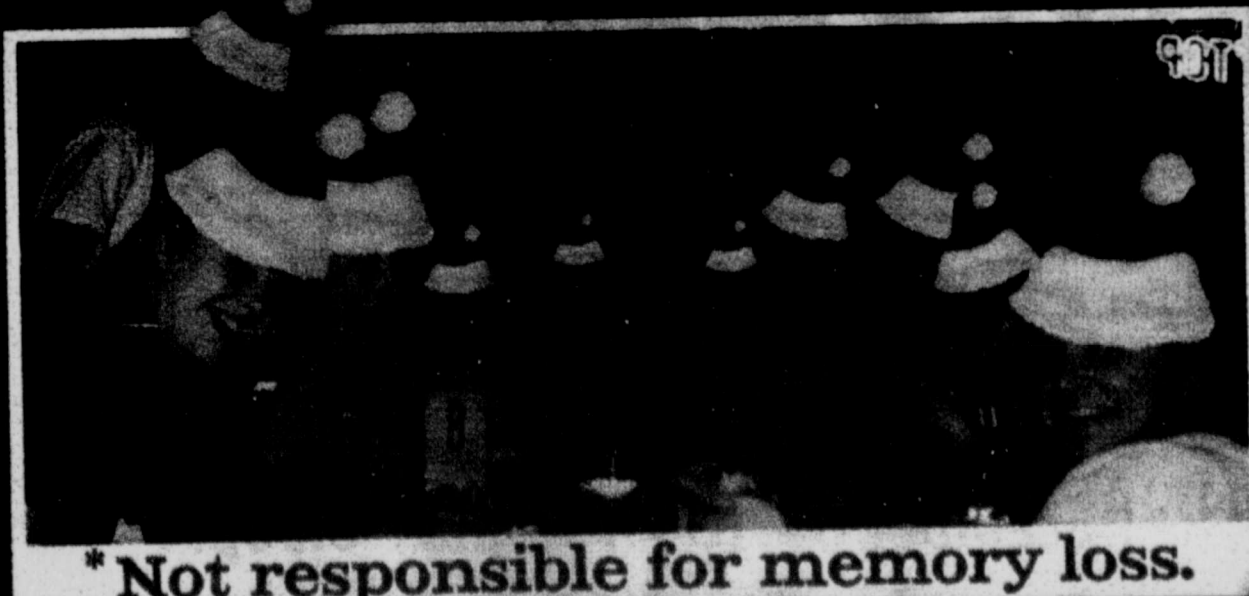
"I think sometimes Bill Maher is sometimes apologetic for his comedy," she said. "And what I like about Margaret is she's fearless. She doesn't apologize for what she says. She calls out our ignorance and bigotry and sometimes 'incorrect' political correctness. I think she really points out the absurdity. If you want middle of the road, there's always the Disney Channel."

Doors open at 7 p.m. and the show begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are available at Vallitix locations, online at Vallitix.com or by phone at 888-825-5484. Prices are \$29.50 and \$44.50.

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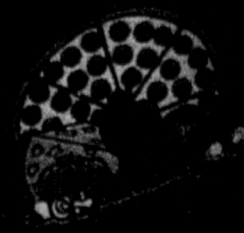
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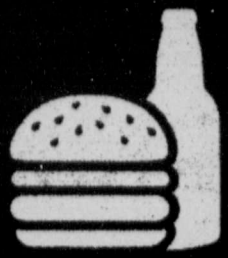
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Freshman Column

Home cooking remedies homesickness for freshman



Hannah Croft is a journalism freshman and Mustang Daily freshman columnist.

You're probably wondering why on Earth the editors of the Mustang Daily gave me this freshman column. I guess what makes me worthy of this duty is the fact that I'm a freshman who happens to go on a lot of adventures with my partner in crime and fellow freshman columnist J.J. Jenkins (you know, the one you

saw on this page last week inside a trashcan).

Aside from those adventures, I have a knack for getting into really awkward scenarios. I think I was hired to share my embarrassing stories. This is kind of mean now that I think about it.

But I'm OK with it, with telling you about the time I ripped my pants falling off my neighbor's bed or the night I spilled my dinner all over the floor of Metro — but those are

all stories for other columns (spoiler alert!).

What I really want to tell you about is my most recent encounter with a kitchen table. No, this isn't one of those trip-and-fall tales that ends in bruises. I'm talking about my first home cooked meal since leaving my cozy home in Santa Rosa, Calif. and after eight weeks of eating whatever looks the least questionable at VG's.

I walked through the door of my friend's Santa Barbara home to be greeted by the smell of freshly baked garlic bread and warm smiling faces. The parents and sister introduced themselves, and I instantly felt welcome.

We made our way into the kitchen, smiles plastered across our faces at the thought of something other than campus food.

Dinner was simple — spaghetti with tomato sauce, green salad and fruit salad. But there was something different about this meal (other than the fact that it tasted good).

As I sat there surrounded by my friends, who have so quickly become like family, and a family who instantly adopted me as one of their own, I realized this was the first time in two months I've sat at a table in a home.

That night showed me how much

I took for granted back home. I could be cliché and say you don't know what you have until it's gone, but I don't think fortune cookie sayings do this feeling justice.

I think more than anything I missed sitting at a table, passing around bowls of salad and bottles of lemonade. I missed the feeling which comes with being surrounded by the comforts of home.

Do I admit I was homesick? Do I admit I cured my homesickness not by going home and seeing my parents, but by eating a quick dinner at my new best friend's house?

I'll admit it for every other freshman who's too afraid to admit it: I am homesick. Or at least I was, until I got a taste of home, even if it wasn't my own. Who knew a kitchen table could remedy homesickness? Not even fine dining can compare to the simplicity of our perfect evening of freshly cooked pasta and pastries.

So, fellow freshmen, I guess I have a bit of advice. If your friend, roommate, Week Of Welcome leader, residential adviser (RA) or whoever invites you to dinner with family, jump at the opportunity. You'd be surprised by how quickly people welcome you into their homes and families.

Soak up the delicious food and good conversation while you can.

Punctuate a life of boring campus food with some adventurous nights in your roommate's childhood home. It's worth it, trust me.

The kitchen, the table and the people around it are undoubtedly some of the most important things in my life. They're the things I miss most, and what I took for granted. I'm really grateful for my friend and his family — grateful enough that I wrote his mom a letter.

Hopefully I'll get invited back.

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Pop star Christina Aguilera brings big voice to the big screen

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In "Burlesque," Christina Aguilera's character points to a night club stage and says "I want to be up there." It was a easy for Aguilera, who had a similar moment in her own life.

"I remember watching the Grammys and looking at the performances and crying to my mom, saying how much I wanted to be there," Aguilera says during an interview at the Four Seasons Hotel.

"Thank God, cut to two years later, I won Best New Artist at the Grammys and performed there. And now, I've made a movie with one of my idols — Cher," she says. "It was easy for me to get into character."

The New York native, who turns 30 next month, plays a spunky singer who comes to the aid of a failing Hollywood burlesque club. Cher plays the club owner. Aguilera sings and dances, plus wrote several songs for the film.

And, she had to act. "Burlesque" is her first real leap into the acting world, a world she found much harder than she had expected. She was so unsure of her acting skills, Aguilera refused to look at any footage during the filming process. She didn't want to start critiquing herself and lose the focus she needed to play

the role.

Director Steven Antin, who wrote the script with Aguilera in mind, had no doubt Aguilera could handle the singing and dancing. It wasn't until he saw her hosting "Saturday Night Live" that he was convinced she had the acting ability to handle the role.

It wasn't just acting that tested Aguilera. Even composing the musical numbers, offered a new challenge because the words had to fit the movie.

"When I went in to write the music, I wasn't just writing it from my own point of view. I had to look at what the motivation was behind the scene," Aguilera says. "Then, I had to record the songs and figure out where I wanted to come from in my vocal approach."

Aguilera wrote "Express," the ballad "Bound to You" and the finale, "Burlesque." She also performs covers of songs by Etta James and Mae West. All of this was done while performing dance numbers full of sexual energy that she learned through months of intense rehearsals and balancing being a new mom.

"It was hard, but it's always hard. As a mother, that's your first priority. I have good help and I had the weekends off, which was good," Aguilera says. "I was a mom on the weekends and I spent as much time as I pos-

sibly could with him. You just do it. It's important for me to continue to work too, so that he can have an example of a strong woman in his life, and one that has her own passion, so that he can then have his own goals and dreams."

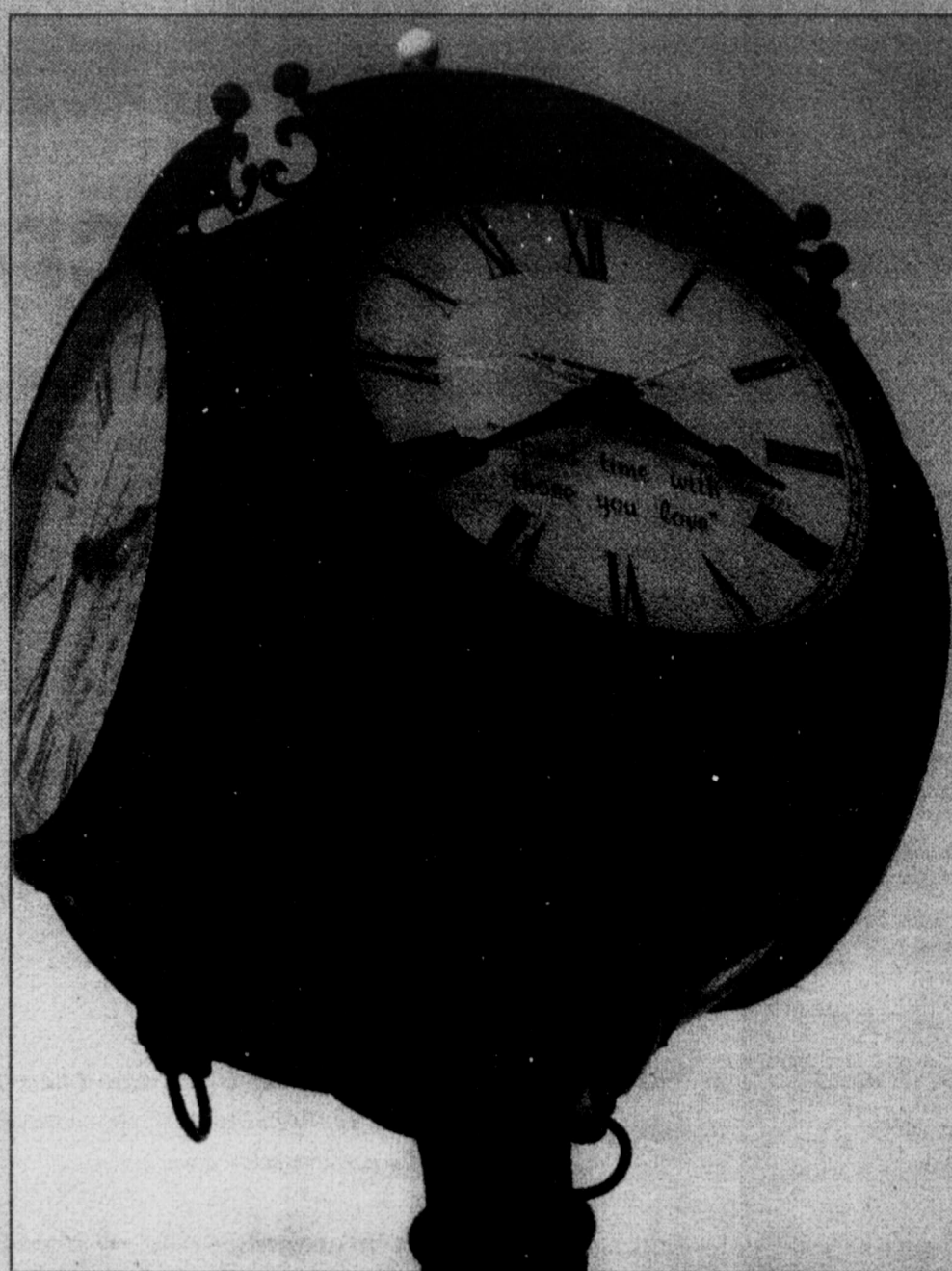
Aguilera says being a mom brings out elements of play in her that she hasn't experienced in a while, as well as unconditional love and patience.

She's needed patience to deal with recent professional and personal setbacks. Her last album, "Bionic," was not a success and her marriage to Jordan Bratman ended.

Aguilera expects her next album to be very different because she feels "Burlesque" changed her.

"By the time I was done with the movie, I was just a completely different person," Aguilera says. "Now, I'm in a place where I'm very much in an introspective state of mind. I'm a changed woman. So, I'm very much ready to actually make a new record. Nothing is ever a setback. If anything, it just motivates you for what's next."

As for her marriage, Aguilera says: "I'm looking forward to the next chapter. I'm a smart girl. There are decisions that I make for reasons and the most important thing is that my son is happy and he always will be. He's surrounded by love."



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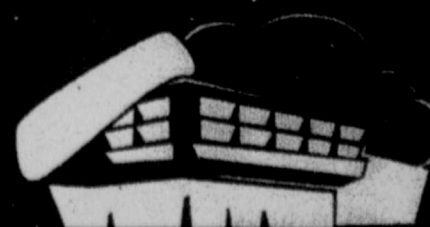
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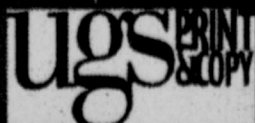
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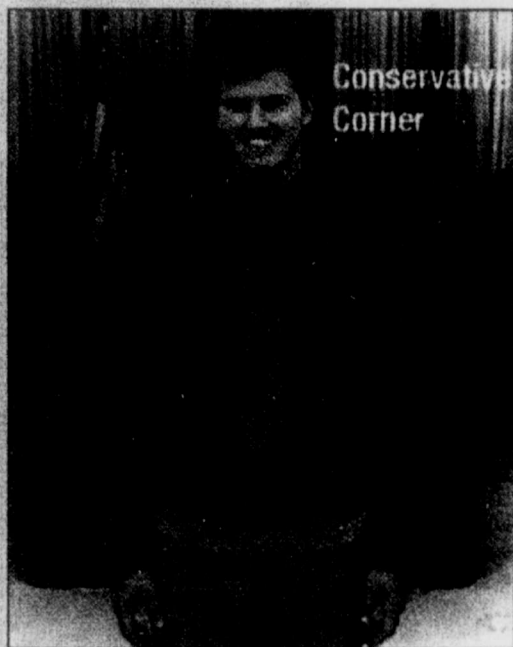
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"How am I supposed to pick off?"

Democratic Congress had it coming

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Daily conservative columnist.

With a deafening ring of freedom and personal power, democracy is synonymous with a government of the people. Unfortunately, pure democracy is rather rare in the United States. As California state citizens, we may have the closest system to pure democracy in the nation. Thanks to the California Constitution, every Golden State citizen is able to vote on all major state legislation directly.

Even though it would seem California citizens have the last say on legislation, as always, it comes down to a select few. The trumping federal government operates more like a republic as official representatives are

given the power to make decisions for the citizens of America.

This puts an emphasis on the importance of picking the right representatives that will fulfill your wants and needs as a citizen. But in these last midterm elections the American citizens have spoken and said they were not satisfied with their representatives.

A few weeks ago Democrats had a solid grip on the majority in both the Senate and the House, and going into the midterm elections, Republicans needed to gain 40 House seats over incumbent democrats to gain back the majority. Needless to say, something drastic needed to happen. But there was something brewing in Washington.

A major headline in the popularity of the federal government has been President Obama's violent drop in approval ratings, but the popularity of Congress is not talked about very often. After viewing the statistics, I found myself believing in the Republican Party's ability to gain seats back. Prior to midterm voting, Congress approval was more than half of Obama's approval at a dismal 21 percent approval. This is the lowest Congress approval rating ever.

The truth is, the United States Congress has been notoriously unpopular among Americans throughout history. This is due to the people's want for a strong president

who can trump Congress, which is viewed as a group of self-interested politicians. Now, how did Congress gain so many enemies over such a short period? It again comes down to their inability to provide citizens with what they wanted. An initial stab at universal health care has proven to be a legislative nightmare as strong opposition and an inability to progress anywhere past voting has resulted in the loss of federal time and money. Not only has it turned people off to the idea of universal health care, but also people have lost their confidence in Congress' ability to be productive.

The United States recession has also proven to be an unpopular front for Congress. As America began the road to recovery, people were expecting economic relief in the form of

more jobs, but no such change has happened. Stories of unemployment and people being laid off continue to be prevalent. This has left Americans feeling abandoned by their representatives as senators and House members alike have not offered relief to their voters. With such a strong democratic majority in Congress, democrats have been identified as the source of the problem.

Last week Americans expressed their frustration at the voting polls as Republicans picked up a staggering 65 seats in the House, 25 seats more than they needed to regain the majority. Along with six Senate seats to even out possession of the Senate, the Republican Party has made a strong point to succeed where the democrats failed.

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— Andrew Nenow
Conservative columnist

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— Cheated

In response to "Journalism hearing sparks heated debate"

You know something was up when Halisky was evasive and vague in her answers as to why Loving was fired.

Allen was my adviser and I didn't feel like I could go to her. Talking to other people who also had her as an adviser, I found out she is very hard to get a hold of. Professor Loving, on the other hand, was always very receiving and I enjoyed his classes immensely. It could be teaching styles or just their personalities, but I'm on Professor Loving's side.

I feel like I'm just starting to hear about this ridiculousness within our department, and now with all these teachers leaving ... it's disheartening. I, for one, am NOT happy about being a part of the "reformulation" of the department. It means that my years here are going to be fractured, confusing and unsatisfactory. Two years until new teachers? Sure, I get to be a "part of the process," but the end result is going to be after I get my degree ... if I don't become a super senior.

Honestly, you can't paint this situation in rainbows and unicorns, how we are putting all the strife behind us, when we're forced to deal with the brunt of all this hostility in the department.

I thought I was paying for a good

education. If I wanted drama, I would have been a theater major.

— Cheated

In response to "Journalism hearing sparks heated debate"

It's really sad that the journalism department has fallen so far that it has come to this.

From Havandjian to Ramos to Loving, the in-fighting has doomed any department chair brave enough to try to take on the task of galvanizing this disaster of a department.

The fighting has driven away the gems of the department like Doug Swanson, and now the rest of the faculty appears to be headed elsewhere. But can you blame them?

There's some element of the current faculty that doesn't lend itself to teamwork or camaraderie. What that element is, I'll let you decide.

— Concerned

In response to "Journalism hearing sparks heated debate"

Wow. If they can't behave like adults, fire them both and start over. Or bring Ramos back.

While it's true that Ramos has his flaws, he was still better than Loving and Dr. H combined. He and Teresa actually have real-world experience and can TEACH and INSPIRE instead of just govern like Loving.

Honestly, he has a giant stick up his butt and spends most of his time

holed up in his office playing online video games. Zero sense of humor or passion for the industry.

— Frustrated

In response to "Journalism hearing sparks heated debate"

There honestly would have been no investigation and this deal would have been swept under the rug had the students not stood up and made noise. The crop students weren't even attacked or harmed, they weren't expelled and the facts of the case were pretty much known and reported from near the beginning. I think the author feels it would be easier to generalize the student body as some moronic group that just jumps at the chance to decry a racist because we are so stupid and naive and can't use logic and only base everything on emotion. Glad to know only the author is smart enough to be above it.

— Annoyed Student

In response to "Opinion: Remembering the Crops House incident"

But what exactly did the angry mob accomplish? They got a half-dozen students evicted (some of whom may have had nothing to do with the whole 'incident'), had a historic building torn down and generated some overtime for the facilities services crews that gutted the place. Quite frankly, I doubt the student body would have even accomplished

that much if it weren't for the external media attention.

I still have a real problem with the way the university did the thing. They lied. Prior to the incident, there were no plans to demolish the building for the rest of the academic year. They forcefully (ie, armed University Police) evicted the residents so fast that they left property like television sets and laptop power adapters behind. All while saying that the residents left willingly. After that, they demolished the place rather quickly. So quickly that the Mustang Daily didn't even know (they said the building was still standing at the end of the year. When they corrected it on the website, they made no note of their correction. How's that for journalistic ethics?). It seemed, the whole effort had less to do with justice than it did with 'sweeping it under the rug' and attempting to erase the incident from history.

— Wait, what?

In response to "Opinion: Remembering the Crops House incident"

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Stereotyping surrounds today's sports world

Leonard Pitts Jr. is a columnist for the Miami Herald.

A few words about black supremacy.

Such words seem necessary in light of a minor controversy now roiling the sports world after boxer Bernard Hopkins, who is black, declared that boxer Manny Pacquiao, who is Filipino, is scared to face an African-American fighter.

Pacquiao, considered by many the best fighter in the world, has fought — and dispatched — a black fighter from Ghana, but Hopkins stressed to the website Fanhouse.com that he's speaking specifically of a black "American" boxer, such as Floyd Mayweather.

Mayweather, said Hopkins, represents "the kind of fighter Pacquiao has yet to face: A big guy with tremendous speed and quickness as well as punching power, defensive skill and a quality chin." Pacquiao, he said, would be helpless against "the styles that African-American fighters use — and I mean, black fighters from the streets or the inner cities ..."

"Listen, this ain't a racial thing," said Hopkins. "But then again, maybe it is."

For the record, this kind of thing is hardly new in boxing. As a sport predicated on one man's physical dominance of another, it has often served as a kind of surrogate warfare among races and tribes. From Jack Johnson to Joe Louis to Jake LaMotta to Muhammad Ali, boxers have always borne our various racial, ethnic and even national aspirations.

Indeed, Pacquiao himself, dubbed the "Mexicutioner" for his dominance of Mexican fighters, called his latest such victory "a testament that the Filipino race can rise above all odds and be the best in their chosen fields."

All that duly noted, though, there is something discomfiting in Hopkins' certitude that Pacquiao would meet his comeuppance at the hands of a black fighter. We live, after all, in a culture in which black athletic supremacy is frequently taken as a given.

Consider the old hit movie,

"White Men Can't Jump." Consider Shaquille O'Neal once writing of how embarrassing it is to get dunked on by "a white boy." Consider Vince Carter once reportedly telling an opposing player's coach — Carter denied this — "You better get this white guy off me, or I'm going to score 40."

Taken in that context, Hopkins' assessment speaks less to harmless racial chauvinism than to enduring racial stereotype. Granted, he nods toward environmental factors ("... from the streets or the inner cities ..."), but it's still hard to escape a sense Hopkins thinks there is something in the very fact of being black that confers athletic superiority.

He would not be the only one. A 1997 Sports Illustrated poll found about a third of young white males saying that blacks simply outclassed them as athletes, and a roughly similar number of blacks agreeing.

And while it's understandable that many blacks would validate a flattering stereotype, what we fail to appreciate is that it is, neverthe-

less, a stereotype. And it is a short hop from a stereotype that says we are born athletes to those that say we are born criminals, malcontents, sluggards and academic incompetents. How do you embrace one without embracing them all? Why would you even try?

A stereotype — even a "good" one — imposes limitations upon the way we are seen by others and, more critically, the way we see ourselves.

I've spoken before thousands of school kids, and it's been my experience that when you ask a black

boy what he wants to be when he grows up, you will most often get one of two answers: entertainer, athlete. Ask a white boy the same question and you'll find they see themselves as writers, cops, shark experts, vets.

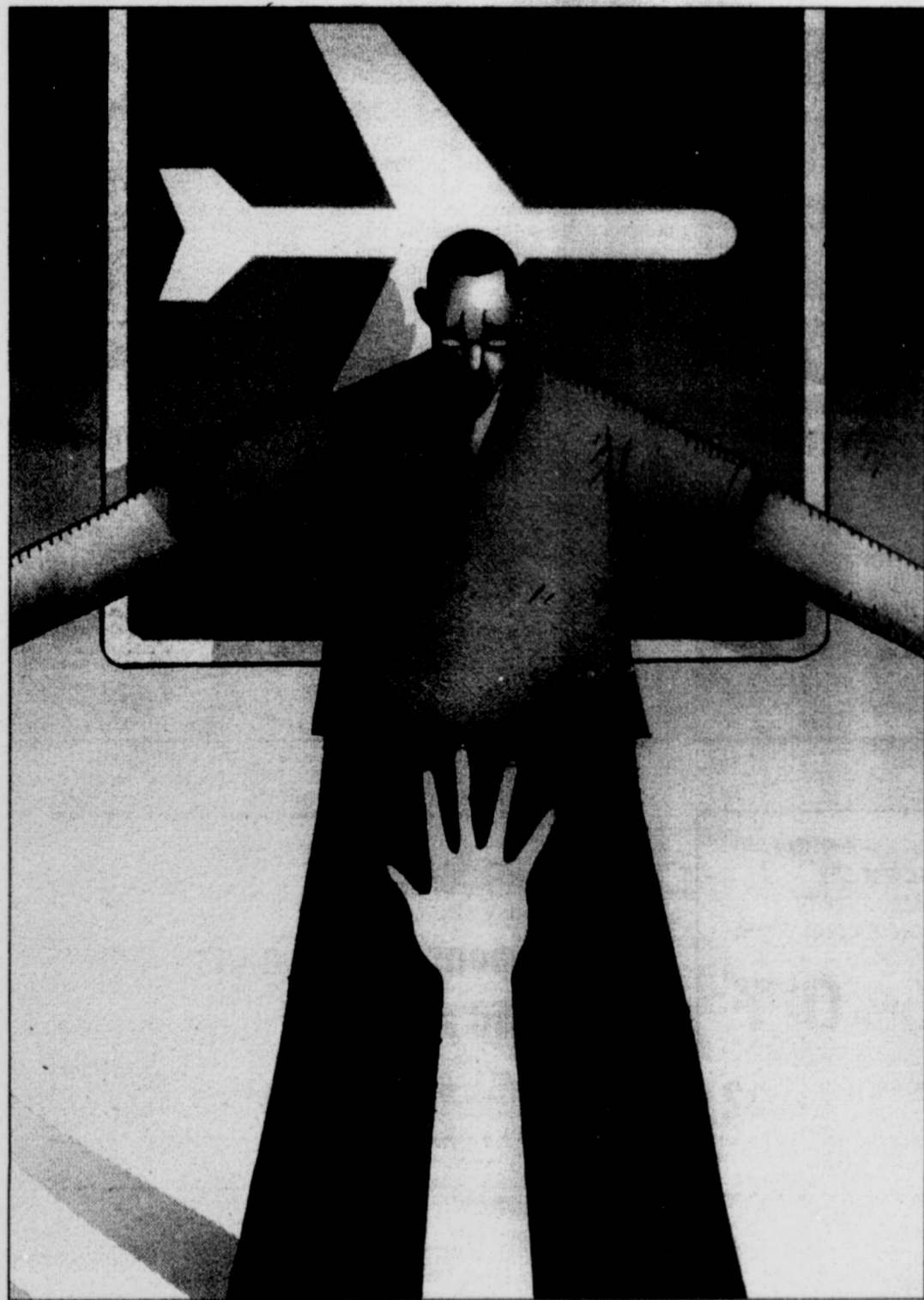
Something to remember next time someone says white men can't jump. A child aims for goals he deems possible. When we embrace the stereotype of physical superiority, we as black people send our kids a clear message about what we deem possible for them.

And what we do not.

"We live, after all, in a culture in which black athletic supremacy is frequently taken as a given."

— Leonard Pitts Jr.
Miami Herald columnist

Right to fly safely outweighs right to privacy



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The feds are losing control of the debate over the Transportation Security Administration's new full-body scanners and enhanced pat-down techniques. A combination of well-intentioned privacy concerns and Internet lore could spell doom for the public acceptance of the new measures.

It's not so complicated. Upon

reaching an airport's security area, travelers are asked to undergo a full-body scan by an Advanced Imaging Technology scanner. If they don't want the scan, they can opt for a pat-down by a TSA official. Simple, and yet there are so many rumors about this procedure that there's a need to separate fact from fiction.

Last week, multiple callers to my radio program expressed the concern that Muslims dressed in hijabs or other traditional clothing can opt out of both the scan and

the pat-down. While it's true that some Muslim-American groups in February said the scanners violate Islam's sense of modesty and should be avoided, those groups advised their supporters to undergo the pat-downs.

The Council on American-Islamic Relations recently issued a travel advisory informing Muslims that if they object to the scanners, they can request a private pat-down administered by a security official of the same sex — the exact same right every American has regardless of ethnicity or creed.

When I interviewed TSA chief John Pistole about the supposed exception, his answer was unequivocal: "Everybody goes through the same process."

Here's another story making the rounds: The full-body scanners will give you cancer. I find it ironic that we hold cell phones to our ears for hours a day, vegetate in front of computer screens, and cook our food in microwaves, and yet some worry about a body scan that takes seconds on the rare occasions when most of us fly.

Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano wrote last week that the machines had been deemed safe by the Food and Drug Administration, the National Institute of Standards and Technology, and by researchers at Johns Hopkins University.

It's not that the machines don't emit radiation. By all accounts, they do. But as Pistole reiterated in my conversation with him, those organizations had indeed assessed the devices and "all found that the radiation from these machines are well within the acceptable safety limits." That does not dissuade James Babb, who is co-founder of the group We Won't Fly, who told me in an inter-

view that the same Johns Hopkins report asserted that because so many millions of Americans would be scanned, somebody was bound to get cancer as a result.

Pistole's response: "There have been other people who have their assessment of the study who have come up with this idea that given the millions of air hours people are flying, there is a possibility out there at some point that somebody may — so many 'mays' built in here — may have some additional exposure concerns."

Bottom line: Walking through the scanners means encountering a minuscule amount of radiation.

Here's another concern: The scanners and pat-downs are a blatant invasion of privacy. A thirty-something Internet sensation from California has been whining about his "junk," creating the impression that he'd been asked to turn his head and cough. This is pure kvetching.

Here's the reality: The TSA official viewing the scanned body images does so in a walled-off location in which cameras of any kind are prohibited. That official does not interact with fliers. The official who does deal with the fliers does not see the images. Sensitive areas of the images are blurred.

That hasn't stopped the rumor that outlines of one's genitals could end up on somebody's Facebook page. In other words, that scanner images could be saved and distributed.

To this Pistole said: "The machines that we have deployed at airports are deployed in a way that has all those capabilities rendered inoperable. So we don't have the opportunity to either store, transmit, do anything with those images. They are deleted as soon as the person is cleared."

And remember, travelers who don't want to be scanned can opt for the pat-down. They can request that the procedure take place in a private area — in front of a chosen travel companion.

I asked Pistole just how invasive a well-performed pat-down should be. "The pat-down needs to be thorough enough to detect well-designed, well-concealed, nonmetallic, especially explosive, devices such as we saw ... last Christmas," he said.

Have we really reached a point where that is objectionable?

The system isn't perfect. Most alarming is the fact that the full-body scans only operate skin-deep. Meaning that if a terrorist were perverse enough to hide explosives in a body cavity, the scanner wouldn't detect it. (To address that, I continue to believe we should consider the commonalities of those seeking to kill Americans — the dreaded p-word, profiling.) While this issue is disturbing, it also makes cries of privacy violation less credible. It's doubtful that those who complain most about the scanners would approve making them even more invasive.

Indeed, absent from the security whining is any credible alternative. So, too, is acknowledgement of the real reason the TSA must scan and pat each person boarding a plane: There are terrorists out there who want to strike America via its air-travel system.

The fact is, these enhanced security measures are a small price to pay for securing that system. It's true that travelers have a right to privacy, but that right shouldn't outweigh my right to fly with my family knowing we're secure because each of our fellow passengers has been properly screened.

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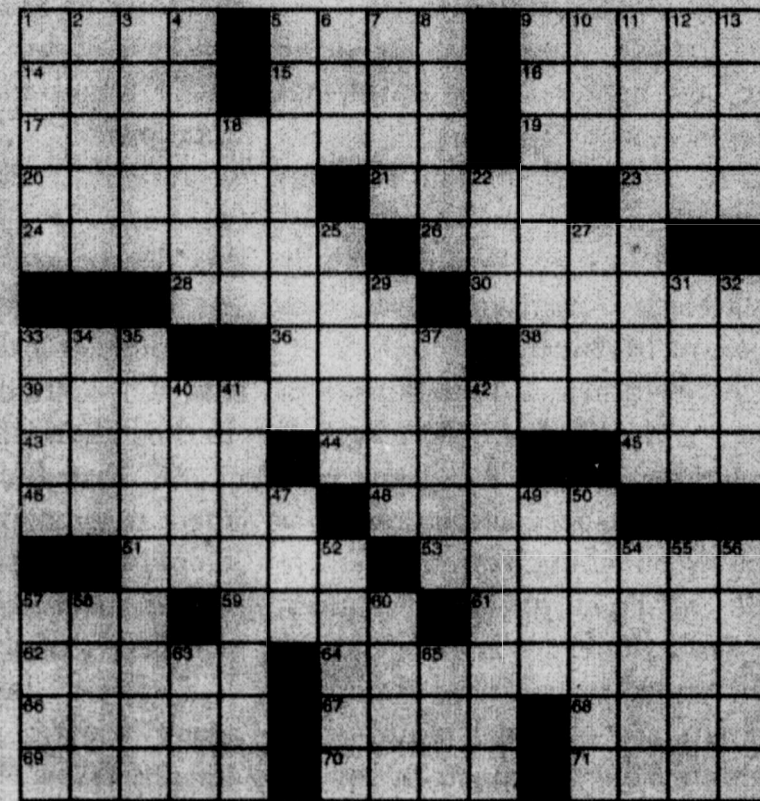
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Stanford makes its case for a BCS berth

Jon Wilner

SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS

PALO ALTO, Calif. — Stanford got everything it needed this weekend.

It needed quarterback Andrew Luck to submit a Heisman Trophy-worthy performance, and he did. In what may have been the draft-eligible sophomore's final home game, Luck threw for 305 yards and four touchdowns.

It needed a sterling effort from the defense and got it. The unit recorded its third shutout of the season as Stanford thumped Oregon State, 38-0, on Saturday night to become the first team in school history to record 11 victories.

And most of all, the Cardinal (11-1, 8-1 Pac-10) needed teams ranked above it to fall, and two did just that.

Losses by Boise State on Friday

night and LSU on Saturday afternoon pushed Stanford to the brink of a berth in the Bowl Championship Series just four years after it went 1-11.

The Cardinal's fate is now left to the top-25 voters, the BCS computers and South Carolina. (More on that in a minute.) Coach Jim Harbaugh said he had no plans to lobby for votes, as some of his peers have done over the years.

"We're not lobbyists," he said. "But I think we've impressed the heck out of 11 other teams we've played this year, and the voters should be impressed."

Stanford's path to the Rose Bowl is simple: It needs No. 1 Oregon to beat Oregon State on Saturday and No. 2 Auburn to lose to South Carolina in the SEC title game.

That combination would send No. 3 TCU into the national championship game and open a spot in the Rose Bowl for the Cardinal.

The Rose Bowl could be blocked by TCU or Oregon. In that case, Stanford could land in the Orange or Fiesta bowls — or it could fall out of the BCS altogether and into the Alamo.

The Cardinal would be guaranteed a berth in the BCS with a top-four finish — and that seems likely.

Assuming the Rose Bowl is blocked — the Cardinal would play in either the Orange or Fiesta, which was not an option until Boise State's loss Friday.

But if Stanford doesn't finish in the

top four of the final BCS standings — if it gets overtaken by Wisconsin, for example — then the situation might get dicey.

Without the guaranteed bid, the Cardinal could be competing for the final at-large berth with a second team from the Big 12.

The Orange Bowl could select Stanford or opt for the Big East champion, which would send Stanford to the Fiesta Bowl.

But if the Orange Bowl went with the Big 12 option (perhaps Missouri or Oklahoma State), then the Fiesta would be forced to take the Big East champion, and Stanford would get squeezed out.

"There are six or seven things we look at," said Ben Reid, an Orange Bowl official who attended Stanford's victory.

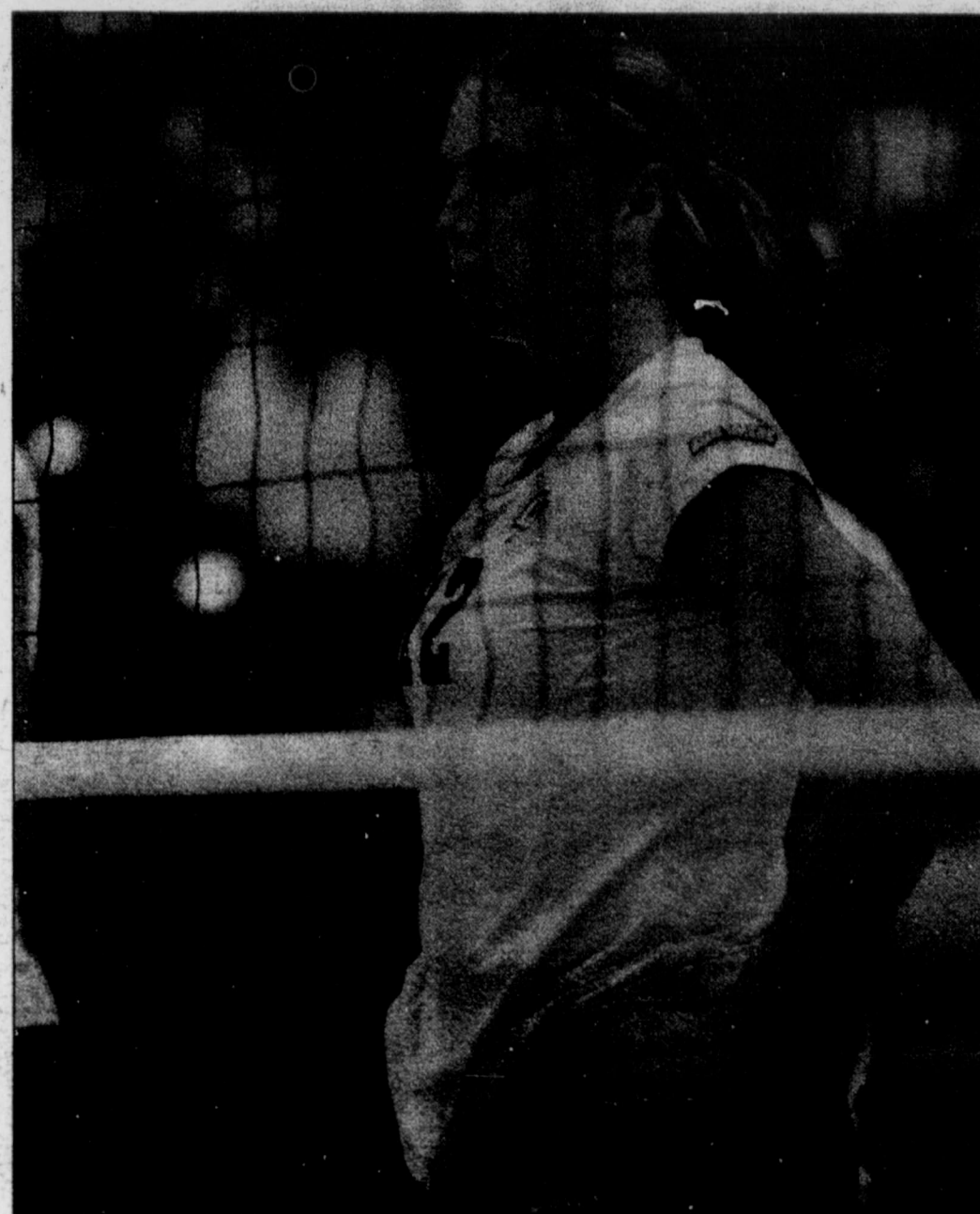
"We look at which teams make a great matchup, who has exciting players, who makes a good game and, obviously, we look at how much (fan) support a team gets."

Asked what the Orange would do if given the choice between Stanford and a Big 12 option, Reid said: "It would depend on all those things I just said."

And if Stanford was shut out of the BCS, it would land in the Alamo Bowl.

"If we were fortunate enough to get them, it would be fantastic," said Alamo President Derrick Fox, who was also in attendance Saturday. "They've had a great year."

Volleyball gets left out of the NCAA Tournament



RYAN SIDARTO/MUSTANG DAILY

One of the best records the Cal Poly women's volleyball team has compiled in recent years wasn't enough to punch them a ticket into the postseason. The Mustangs, who finished the season 22-7 (12-4 Big West), were left out of the 2010 NCAA Tournament Sunday morning. It marks the third-straight year the Mustangs haven't received a postseason bid. The Mustangs reached the NCAA regional semifinals after going 21-7 in 2007. Check the Mustang Daily later this week for the full story.

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Men's basketball holds off LMU, falls to Sacramento State



RYAN SIDARTO MUSTANG DAILY

Guard Drake U'u was one of three players to score more than 10 points in the Mustangs' game against Loyola Marymount.

Mustang Daily Staff Report

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After building a 47-31 lead with 4:55 remaining in the game, it looked as if the Cal Poly men's basketball team would roll to an easy victory over the visiting Loyola Marymount Lions (LMU). The Lions would not go quietly as they stepped up their defensive pressure and cut the Mustangs' lead to two with 47 seconds remaining.

However, the Mustangs' defense stood strong and Cal Poly was able to make its final six free throws on the night to ice the game en route to

a 55-48 victory Wednesday night in Mott Gym.

It was a struggle all night on the offensive ends of the floor as both teams found it difficult to put the ball in the hoop. Cal Poly shot 32.7 percent (16-49) from the floor on the night, while LMU shot only 30 percent (15-50).

The Mustangs received key contributions from their bench as guards Chris O'Brien and Drake U'u both had career-highs with 10 points. The Big Three, comprised of guard Shawn Lewis, forward David Hanson and center Will Donahue, were held mostly in check, combin-

ing for 24 points on a combined 6-25 shooting from the floor.

Despite shooting just 37 percent from the floor, Cal Poly held a 27-21 halftime lead on the strength of freshman point guard Maliik Love. Love sparked the Mustangs' offense, scoring eight points in a two-minute span late in the first half to help build Cal Poly's lead to as many as 11 points in the half. Love tied his career high with nine points.

The lead swelled to 16 points on two occasions in the second half, but the Lions were able to scrap their way back into the game on the strength of their full-court pressure

defense. Cal Poly committed multiple turnovers in the final minutes which turned into easy buckets for LMU. Each team committed 16 turnovers on the night.

Despite all the turnovers, Cal Poly held on for the victory because of their free throw shooting and defense. The Mustangs shot a season best 19-24 (79.2 percent) from the line on the night.

For the Mustangs, the win was a big one after losing two straight, including a loss at the hands of Division II Cal State Monterey Bay about a week ago in Mott Gym.

But Sacramento State halted whatever momentum the Mustangs had from the win.

The Mustangs pieced together one of their best offensive showcases of the year, yet Sacramento State was able to edge Cal Poly 71-67 Saturday night.

Hanson tallied a team-high of 23 points, O'Brien scored a career-high 14 points and the Mustangs shot 59.5 percent from the field. Guard Shawn Lewis scored 14 points as well, and Donahue boasted his fourth game with more than 10 rebounds.

Yet, the Mustangs weren't able to grab the win.

Defensively, the Mustangs allowed a 61 shooting percentage from

behind the 3-point arc en route to their third loss of the season.

Hanson came out of the gates hot to start the game. He scored 14 of Cal Poly's initial 19 points, with most of his scoring coming from 3-point range. He hit two 3-pointers in the opening minutes and the rest of the team went on to hit 8-of-18 from long range in the opening 10 minutes.

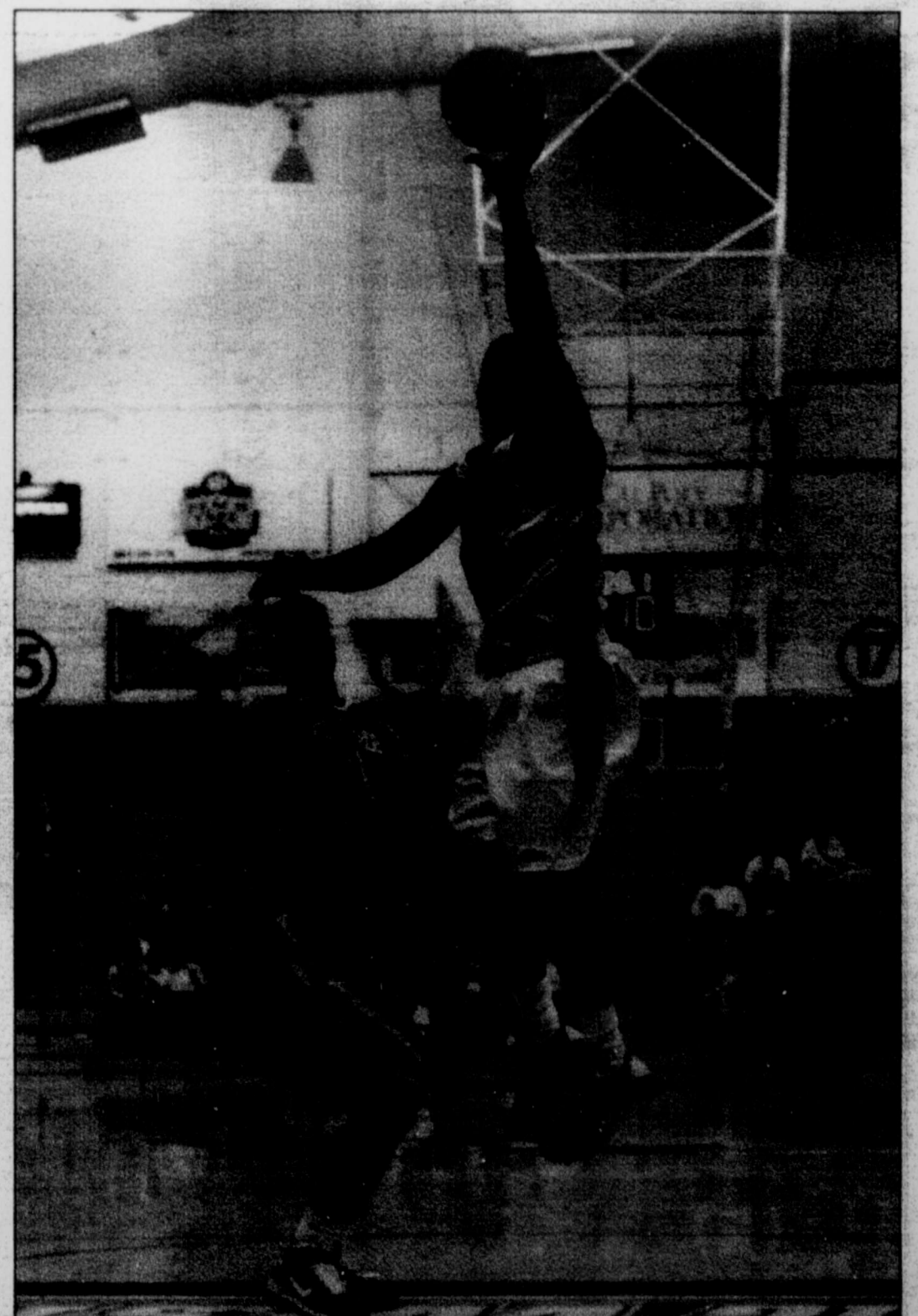
Before Saturday, the Mustangs had hit no more than five 3-pointers in any game all season.

Sacramento State, however, stole the momentum going into the half with a 10-4 run.

After the Mustangs went on to grab a 45-41 lead with 13 minutes remaining, the Hornets took the lead and never looked back.

With 13 seconds to play and trailing 69-65, Donahue connected on an alley-oop off an inbound pass from Lewis, cutting the deficit to two points. However, Sacramento State freshman guard Jackson Carbajal converted a pair of free throws at the other end of the court and O'Brien missed back-to-back 3-pointers to close the game.

With the loss, the Mustangs dropped to 2-3 on the season. They will return to action Wednesday night against Hawai'i in Mott Gym.



RYAN SIDARTO MUSTANG DAILY

Guard Shawn Lewis scored 14 points and grabbed seven rebounds against Sacramento State Saturday night. Forward David Hanson led the team with 23 points.



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grounds would be beneficial to Cal Poly, though he did not know in what specific ways.

"The different academic backgrounds (of each candidate) could lead or advance the university in different ways," Igarta said. "The academic backgrounds (of the president) could be a big influence (on the university)."

On the professional level, the candidates each have many accomplishments. Palazzo was a visiting professor at Harvard University Medical School for a year, as well as the chair of the department of physiology and cell biology (and a professor of mo-

lecular biosciences) at the University of Kansas for approximately 10 years, and an assistant scientist and principal investigator for the Marine Biological Laboratory at Woods Hole, Massachusetts for three years.

Skalak is the president of the American Institute of Medical and Biological Engineering (AIMBE), serves on the Finance and Development Committee and chairs the Fellows Selection Committee for AIMBE. He was also a former president of the Biomedical Engineering Society.

Armstrong, a professor and head of Purdue University's department of animal sciences from 1997 through 2001 before his job at MSU, was a member of the North Carolina University Animal Science Department

for more than 10 years before that, according to his biography on the MSU website.

Hannah Coleman, a biomedical engineering junior, said though she was unsure of "what the president really does," the new president should be financially proficient.

Coleman heard former president Warren Baker was good with budgeting.

"It would be nice if the (future) president could (manage) current budget cuts," Coleman said.

According to each candidates profile on the Cal Poly website, Skalak and Armstrong both have made achievements for their schools in money matters.

Shalak helped launch the UVA Venture Summit which brings to-

gether students, alumni and "venture capitalists" in a two-day discussion and lecture event. The event brings in more than \$10 billion each year.

While at the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources at Michigan State University, Armstrong has raised more than 200 million and increased "grant activity" by more than 140 percent. The college has more than 4,500 students and a budget of more than \$290 million.

Palazzo's monetary success was not noted, but his official biography states that he strongly advocates for science research and education in public policy with his involvement as the president of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology, which represents 22 societies and more than 80,000 scientists

in Washington, D.C. He is also a member of the American Society of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology Public Affairs Advisory Committee and the American Society for Cell Biology Public Policy Committee.

Coleman said a personable president would be beneficial.

"A lot of networking (for monetary gains) and people skills would be helpful," Coleman said.

The candidates all also have credentials other than just academic. Palazzo has written numerous research papers and books, according to his biography on the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute's website. Skalak has given more than 100 invited talks as well as "delivered short courses on blood properties for R&D groups

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